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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A1	6,272,082 B1		Ishii et al.		11/27/1998

Foreign Patents

NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION
11-162147	06/18/1999	JAPAN	Copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,082 B1
2002-313030	10/25/2002	JAPAN	Yes - Abstract

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Each of the references cited in a Japanese Office Action in a corresponding case (a copy of the which is attached). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

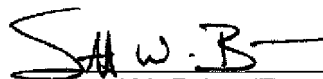
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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